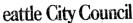


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Bronka Serebrin, President University Village Merchants Association East 45th Street and 25th Avenue Northeast Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Ms. Serebrin:

Thank you very much for your recent letter expressing your collective concern as merchants in the area over delays in the opening of the 45th Street Viaduct.

In your letter you asked several questions which I have looked into. I would like to provide you with the following information:

- The viaduct opening is now scheduled for October 18, 1976. The present delay is caused by the need for a specialized pole at the bottom of the viaduct for a signal and street lights. This pole is being provided by a subcontractor and construction of the pole is being done in the midwest. It is my understanding that the pole is being shipped by truck from Nebraska and should arrive in Seattle on Thursday, October 14. The Engineering Department informs me that once the pole is received it can be placed immediately. Following placement of the pole the contractor will asphalt the area. As you know, asphalt requires a dry day, but it is possible that both the pole and the asphalting can be done on the same day.
- b. The Montlake Bridge is a State bridge and the partial closure was due to the State painting activities at the bridge.
- c. I am advising the Engineering Department by copy of this letter of your request for a signal along 25th Avenue Northeast into the University Village.

Once again, thank you for your letter and I hope that the anticipated opening by October 18th will not impinge upon the University Village Christmas shopping period.

Yours truly,

GEORGE E. BEHSON, Chairman Transportation Committee

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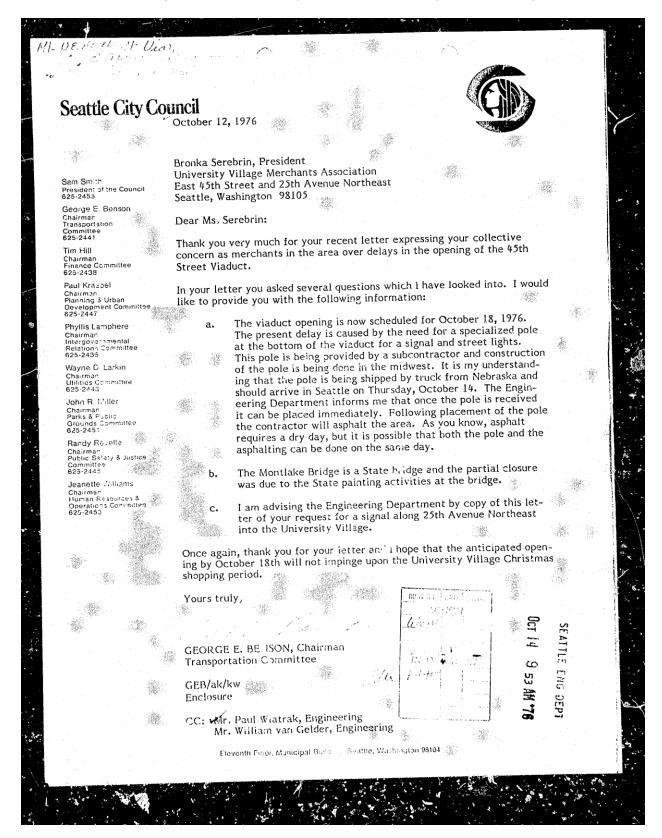
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September 28, 1976

Mr. George Benson, Chr. Transportation Committee Seattle City Council Seattle, Wa. 98104

Dear Mr. Benson:

This letter is to express our collective concern as merchants in the area over the delays in the opening of the viaduct. We continue to receive conflicting reports as to the completion date. Originally we had been promised that the viaduct would be completed prior to the first Husky football game. Then in a meeting with the Seattle Engineering Department, an October 4th opening date was set. Now we understand it will be late in October.

The c'rvure of the viaduct has seriously hurt the business of many of our merchants cutting customer count in some stores up to 20 percent. With the University starting classes this week we are now missing our traditional back to school boom in business. These potential new customers are now establishing shopping patterns in other areas which will hurt our merchants for the entire year. We as merchants are now concerned about our upcoming Christmas business and would like to get the viaduct open under any circumstances.

In addition to the closure of the viaduct, we have been faced with the partial closure of the Montlake Bridge for painting and the rerouting of traffic along N.E. Pacific Street. This has left us with extremely limited access to the Village on the best of days and virtually no access on Husky football days.

We would also like to point out that a left turn lane and signal for traffic into the Village southbound off 25th N.E. is badly needed.

University Village represents 57 stores, most of them independently owned and employing approximately 900 people. The closure of the viaduct has had a severe economic impact on many of these stores and we ask your help to get this viaduct reopeerd as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Bronka Serebrin President

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